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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 2-10, 11-23, and 25-123 are requested to be cancelled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 11, and 24 are now pending in this application.

The cancellation of claims was performed solely to eliminate excess claim fees, and does not constitute an admission that any of the subject matter of the cancelled claims is unpatentable. Applicant reserves the right to present claims to that subject matter in this or other appropriate application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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